

**Georgia State Board of Funeral Service**  
**Minutes**

**May 24, 2005**

**Minutes Approved at the June 14, 2005 Meeting**

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service held a workshop meeting on May 24, 2005 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. David Roach, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Members present were: Terri Daviston, Lauren McDonald, Thelon Hamby and Draper Watson.

Others Present were: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, Janice Ross, Board Secretary, John Massey, Inspector, Howard Fields, Inspector, and Robert Renjel, Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Roach introduced Terri Daviston, new Board member, and reviewed the purpose of the workshop.

Robert Renjel, Assistant Attorney General, presented a Consent Order for Approval of Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge on Abner Pope Dickson. Mr. Watson moved to approve the consent order to approve Abner Pope Dickson as Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Pope Dickson Funeral Service, Morrow location. Mr. Hamby seconded. Motion carried.

O.C.G.A. 43-18-42 regarding the licensing of Funeral Director and Embalmers by reciprocity was discussed. The Board discussed the possibility of appointing a committee at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to review the law and propose language to recommend as a legislative amendment.

The Board discussed sending the Attorney General the FDFCC charge with the changes the Board discussed at today's meeting. The Board also discussed sending the Attorney General the current Board Rule #250-6-.08 "Determination of Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge" for his advice on rewording. The Board will also ask for clarification from the Attorney General of O.C.G.A. 43-18-70 (b) (3). These requests will be revisited at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board recommended the Board Secretary compose a letter to the Governor, for the Board members signatures, requesting the appointment of the Consumer position on the Board. The letter will be ready for review and signatures by the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board asked John Massey, Inspector, to contact the Fulton County Department of Human Resources to investigate the new on-line process of filing death certificates.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.